

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) As on 31st January, 2001, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies have received applications for setting up of LPG distributorships at 9 locations and Retail Outlets at 4 locations in the State of Arunachal Pradesh. The process of selection of dealers/distributors for these locations is at various stages. Selection is made in a phased manner and it may not be possible at this stage to indicate the exact number of allotments for Retail Outlets and LPG distributorships during the next two years in the State of Arunachal Pradesh.

Policy on Revival of Dealership by Oil Corporations

2661. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have directed the concerned oil corporations to send such genuine cases of revival of dealerships/distributorships to Government which have become inoperative prior to 1st January, 1996;
- (b) if so, the details of the said policy;
- (c) the number of such cases sent by the oil corporations to Government and the numbers of those revived;
- (d) whether the oil corporations are not forwarding such cases to Government and harassing the affected persons; and
- (e) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (e) The Government have delegated the powers for revival of retail outlet dealerships and LPG distributorships subject to certain norms to the Oil Marketing Companies. However, as per the existing policy guidelines issued to the Oil Marketing Companies, the deserving cases which are not strictly covered under the guidelines, may be referred by the Oil Companies to the Government for decisions. Decision is taken on the merits in each case.

Demand of Bitumen in Gujarat

2662. SHRI BRAHMA KUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the demand of bitumen in Gujarat during the last three years;
- (b) the quantity of supply made; and
- (c) the steps being taken to meet the shortage?